CONGRESSIONAL.

SUPPOSED SCHEME TO MASSACRE JEFF. DAVIS.

COMMERCIAL AND OTHER NEWS.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The *Herald*, New York, says the Emperor's cabinet is considering the question of withdrawing from Mexico with as little loss prestige as possible. The Emperor is desirous of doing so of his own free will, and not under menace.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—Gov. Stone, of Iowa, was interrogated on Monday last. He approves the action of the President but desires him to go further in favor of negro suffrage. He opposes the admission of the late Confederate States until their people abandon the offensive doctrine of State Sovereignty.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Mr. Chandler's resolution, offered yesterday, declaring non-intercourse between this country and Great Britain and the withdrawing of our Minister from the Court of St. James was tabled.

The bill for extending suffrage to negroes in the District of Columbia was taken up and discussed at some length, but no conclusion was arrived at.

Mexico—Mr. Conkling, of New York, introduced a series of resolutions proposing on the re-establishment of Federal relationship with the late rebellious communities on conditions of the absolute renunciation of secession, the repudiation of Confederate debts of all kinds, the adoption of such measures as will relieve the Government of the necessity of a standing army in the South, etc. These resolutions were objected to.

The consideration of the negro suffrage bill was resumed.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The steamer *Ida Hensley* passed down at 6 P. M.

The U. S. Cutter passed up at 9 P. M., and the Magnolia at 6 P. M.

The river is falling.

Cincinnati, Jan. 16.—Flour quiet. Wheat dull at $1.75. Corn dull at 50c. Oats 88 1-2c. Rye $1.2. Pork $30. Lard 20 1-2c. Cotton dull. Whisky $2.25.

Louisville, Jan. 16.—Tobacco market firm and active; sales 142 hhds. Leaf tobacco at very dull sales. Hogs $9.25. Bacon—Sides 20c. Hams 25c. Flour; superfine $7; extra family $9.25 to $10.75. Corn, in bulk, 48c. Oats 50c. Lard, in tierces, 18c; in kegs 20c. Whisky $2.25.

Fortress Monroe, Jan. 16.—About two thousand employés in this Department were yesterday discharged under an order of the Secretary of War, designating all those who had been in any way connected with the Confederate service.

The agent of the National Express Company was also sent away for the above reason.

This order was undoubtedly caused by the rumor that an organization was forming to rescue Jeff. Davis.

Armed picket boats are in duty, stationed all vessels arriving in the harbor.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The House concurred in the Senate resolution authorizing the Committee on Reconstruction to send for persons and papers.

In the Senate Mr. Howard's resolution was adopted asking the President for his communication with the Judges of the Supreme Court respecting the holding of civil courts in the insurrectionary districts for the trial of offenses against the United States.

A bill was passed for the establishment of a military asylum for the totally disabled volunteers.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 16.—Gov. Ward's inaugural urges the adoption of the Constitutional amendment. He expresses full faith in the ability and patriotism of the President.

New York, Jan. 16.—The steamer Plymouth Rock, of Boston, struck a rock in Long Island Sound. She had to be towed ashore and discharged the balance of her cargo.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Admiral Raphael Semmes is held in close confinement at the Marine Barracks. He is in good health and spirits and confident of being able to justify himself.

New York, Jan. 16.—Cotton is a shade lower. Middling 50c. Flour $9. Oats 90c. Pork $31.25. Money is quite easy at 5 to 6 per cent. Sterling Exchange dull at 108 3-4. Gold 139 3-4. Stocks stronger. Five-twenties coupons of 1862 101 3-4. Ten-forties coupons 94¾. Seven-thirties second series, 99 1-2.

[Associated Press Dispatches.]

Special Dispatch to the Herald.

New York, Jan. 17.—The cotton market closed heavily to day at 51 to 52c for middling. Naval stores dull. Gold 139¾.

New York, Jan. 18.—Gen. Herritt is said to be the officer charged with making unmistakable southern sentiment instead of Gen. Ogden as has been reported.

MONEY FOR THE TROOPS.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Funds are being dispatched to the military departments to pay off all the troops.

SALE OF CAPTURED COTTON SUSPENDED.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The Secretary of the Treasury has instructed the United States collectors to make no transfer of captured cotton for the present. The cotton will probably be sold to advantageous to the Government, in bringing into the treasury higher prices for cotton than could have been realized.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Washington, Jan. 18.—House—The credentials of the Representative elect from Arkansas, were presented and referred to the Committee on Reconstruction.

Mr. Stevens, of Pa., offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Judiciary to consider the expediency of so amending the act of 1865, relative to the test oath, as to allow lawyers to practice their profession without taking said oath on an equal footing with other professions. Adopted.

The *House* resumed its discussion of the bill conferring suffrage to negroes.

AMENDED.

The *Herald's* Charleston correspondent says Thos. D. Jervey, Henry Gerdt and A. R. Johnson have been arrested for being concerned in Meshade robberies during the war.

SPAIN.

The warehouse of Antonio Maceira, at Matanzas, was burned on the 5th. Eight lives were lost, and several persons were severely injured.

MEXICO.

The last Acapulco steamer says, the reported death of the Spanish admiral Pareja, is probably, untrue.

THE VERY OATS.

The *Tribune's* special says the Supreme Court is expected to deliver an opinion to-day supporting the constitutionality of the test oath.

GEN. GRANT ON THE MILITARY FORCES IN THE SOUTH.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Acting upon the application of Gov. Parsons to withdraw the troops from Alabama, Gen. Grant, and also the head adjuts. Gen. Grant issued the following reply:

For the present, and until there is full security by the equitably maintaining the rights and safety of all classes of citizens in the States lately in rebellion, I would not recommend the withdrawal of United States troops from Alabama. The number for interior garrison might be reduced, but a force sufficient to insure tranquillity should be retained in the South.

I doubt the propriety of putting arms in the hands of the militia.

NEW SENATORS.

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Samuel J. Kirkwood and Jos. Harlan are elected United States Senators from Iowa.

COTTON IN TRANSITU.

Cairo, Jan. 15.—Twelve hundred and seventy bales of cotton have passed this point within the past two days en route for Cincinnati.

THE EVENING STAR AT SOUTHWEST PASS—DEATH OF CAPTAIN WINFREY.

Southwest Pass, January 16, 1866.

To J. M. Cornthwait, Agent:

The Evening Star arrived at Southwest Pass Saturday night; demic fog; will cross on soon as it clears up.

On the 5th instant shipped a heavy sea, during which Captain Wheaton's right leg was broken, and he died on the morning of the 14th. Have his remains on board. E. J. ALLEN, Pilot Evening Star.

PASSENGERS BY THE EVENING STAR.

The following is a list of passengers for the Evening Star:

Kate Dyer, Thos. Mallett, T. F. Hyde, H. J. Adams and wife, Capt. of Steamer, N. Frank, Geo. Bell, Wm. J. D. Wood, John Wright, W. Wright, Geo. Hall, Henry H. Lemon, Henry, F. F. Gerdt, Capt. Geo. W. Brayton, H. Davis, Rob't Davis, Jas. Davis, Jas. Davis, Jr., J. A. Lewis, W. Lewis, Jas. Brown, Richard A. Roberson and wife, Sis and Mrs. John Jackson and son, Miss M. L. Dyer and child, Mrs. Jas. Dwyer and son, T. H. Everett and son, Jas. W. Rowlett, Mrs. Lizzie, J. H. Lewis, A. Pratt, Robert Smith, Mrs. F. D. W. Brayton, Capt. Geo. W. Brayton, and child, Jas. Dwyer, Geo. W. Coleman, child and nurse, Jas. Dwyer, Jr., Geo. Dwyer, Jr., Thos. Dwyer, Jas. Dwyer, Jr., Mrs. Mary Dwyer, Mrs. E. D. Brayton, Mrs. Ann Dwyer, Mrs. Ann Dwyer, Jr., Mrs. Ann Dwyer, Jr., Mrs. Ann Dwyer, Jr.,